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**PATENT**

Old Atty Docket No.: 57430-00008

New Atty Docket No.: 67169-5004



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of:

Norberto A. Guzman, Ph.D.

Serial No. 10/728,499

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: **ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS  
HAVING STAGGERED PASSAGE  
CONFIGURATION (As Amended)**

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Unsu Jung

Confirmation No. 9723

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

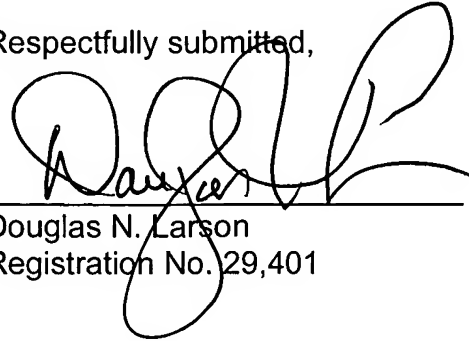
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time for responding to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2006, extending the period of response from October 31, 2006 to January 31, 2007.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0440 during the pendency of prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas N. Larson', is written over a horizontal line.

Dated: January 30, 2007

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